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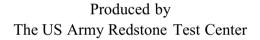


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13.SUPPLEMENTARY NOTES

14.ABSTRACT

This test report documents the key findings from the Explosive Atmosphere (EA) test of the TDFM-9000 Radio conducted at the Redstone Test Center (RTC) on 14 December 2015.

15.SUBJECT TERMS

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SECTION 1.0 EXECUTIVE DIGEST

This test report documents the key findings from the Explosive Atmosphere (EA) test of the TDFM-9000 Radio conducted at the Redstone Test Center (RTC) on 14 December 2015. It should not be construed as the Army Test and Evaluation Command (ATEC) system evaluation report or system assessment for the TDFM-9000 Radio.

1.1 SUMMARY

The TDFM-9000 transceiver (Figure 1) is an airborne multi-band radio capable of operation in conventional, analog and P25 digital Frequency Modulated (FM) systems, SmartNet/SmartZone trunking systems and P25 9600 trunking systems. Radio Frequency (RF) modules are available in single or dual bands that support Very High Frequency (VHF), Ultra-High Frequency-Low (UHF-Lo), UHF-High (UHF-Hi), and 700-800 MegaHertz (MHz) bands. Up to six single or dual band modules can be supported. Each radio module can store 2,000 channels and can be programmed to operate in digital or analog mode on a channel-by-channel basis. Built-in audio switching allows multiple RF modules in either combined or separate transceiver configurations.



Figure 1. TDFM-9000 Radio, Typical.

This report describes the specific subtests performed by the RTC Propulsion Test Division for the EA testing of the TDFM-9000 Radio as installed on the CH-47F helicopter.

A vacuum chamber was used to simulate a range of pre-determined altitudes, based on data for a standard atmosphere. Subtests consisted of evaluating the test item in an explosive atmosphere, a fuel-air mixture simulated by n-hexane and air, at altitudes ranging from approximately 23,300 feet (ft) to 16,700 ft above sea level and from 3,300 ft to site level. The test criterion was to determine whether operation of the test item during the aforementioned altitude ranges would cause ignition of the explosive atmosphere.

The EA testing regimen was conducted in support of the Project Management - Cargo (PM Cargo).

1.2 CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The TDFM-9000 Radio was tested successfully, without igniting the fuel in the vacuum chamber. There were no test or data anomalies.

SECTION 2.0 SUBTESTS

2.1 EA TEST

The test equipment used by the RTC Propulsion Test Division is listed in Table 1. Pressure within the vacuum chamber was measured and monitored by a pressure gauge, and any test items requiring temperature readings were instrumented with copper-constantan thermocouples (TC). The RTC Propulsion Test Division installed the TCs prior to the test and monitored the TCs throughout the testing regimen.

RTC – Propulsion Test Division Test Equipment Serial **Equipment Name** Manufacturer Model Calibration Date Number **Computer** Dell Precision R5500 N/A N/A **FALCN** N/A Software Programmer: N/A N/A Nate Keller 25 September 2015 **PPA Pressure Gauge** Sensotec 1436754 (next calibration date: 25 September 2016) Self adhesive Type of Omega Thermocouples thermocouple N/A N/A Engineering Inc. Used SA1-T

Table 1. Test Equipment Used in EA Testing

2.1.1 Objectives

Test Chamber

The objective of the EA testing is to determine the ability of the test item to operate in an explosive atmosphere without causing ignition. The test item will be evaluated for its sustained operability in an explosive atmosphere at various partial pressures related to its altitude equivalents, without experiencing undue hazards.

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2.1.2 Criteria and Analysis

2.1.2.1 Criteria

The following references were consulted for the test:

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Engineering Inc.

1. Test Plan for the Safety of Flight (SOF) Explosive Atmosphere (EA) Test of the TDFM-9000 Radio to Be Installed on the CH-47F Chinook Helicopter, September 2015.

- 2. MIL-STD-810G, *Environmental Engineering Considerations and Laboratory Tests*, Method 511.5, Procedure I, 31 October 2008.
- 3. Explosive Atmosphere Vacuum Chamber Operations, TEDT-RT-SOP-385-M4054, 3 February 2014.

In accordance with (IAW) the test plan, the failure criterion is defined as ignition of the explosive atmosphere resulting from the operation of the test item.

2.1.2.2 Analysis

Data graphs showing the rate of altitude versus time, as well as the temperature versus time, are provided in Appendix B.

2.1.3 Test Procedures and Findings

2.1.3.1 Test Procedures

Prior to testing, the test item was visually inspected by personnel from the RTC Propulsion Test Division to establish the baseline condition (e.g., item integrity, operability) in the un-powered state. Anomalies or discrepancies, if any, such as loose fasteners or connections, loss of integrity of seals or sealants, or permanent distortion or deformation of material possibly affecting item functionality, were recorded. A baseline Functional Checkout Procedure (FCP) was performed at ambient temperature to ensure that the test item was functioning properly. A copy of the FCP log is included in Appendix C.

The test item was placed on a test bed inside the vacuum chamber in such a manner that it could be operated and controlled from the exterior of the chamber via sealed cable ports (Figure 2). All other hardware required to operate the test item was located outside the chamber.



Figure 2. Item UnderTest Inside the Vacuum Chamber.

Instrumentation appropriate to the test was installed on the test item and checked for operability, reliability, and calibration, if applicable. In addition to chamber wall temperature and air temperature readings, one TC was placed on the test item as shown in Figure 3.



Figure 3. TC-1 on the TDFM-9000 Radio.

In addition to the TC, five pneumatic actuators were utilized to operate the TDFM-9000 Radio, as follows:

- 1. Actuator A turned and depressed the power and volume knob (Figure 4).
- 2. Actuators B and C depressed the channel selector buttons (Figure 5).
- 3. Actuators D and E depressed the "DIM" and "BRT" buttons, respectively (Figure 6).

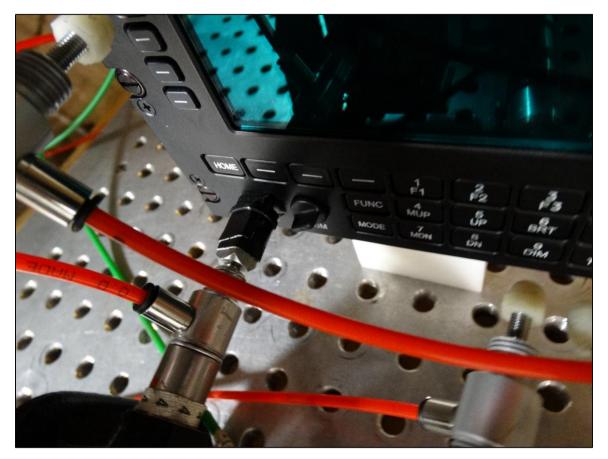


Figure 4. Actuator A Operating the Power and Volume Knob.

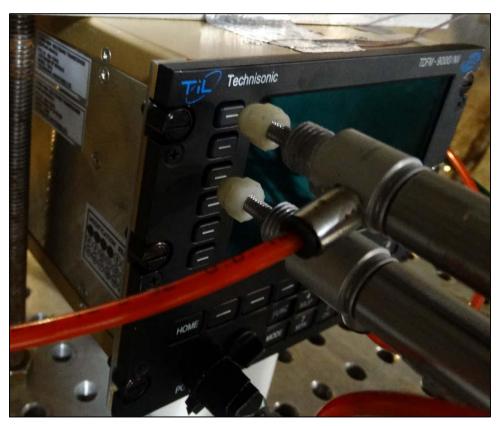


Figure 5. Actuators B and C Operating Separate Channel Selector Buttons.

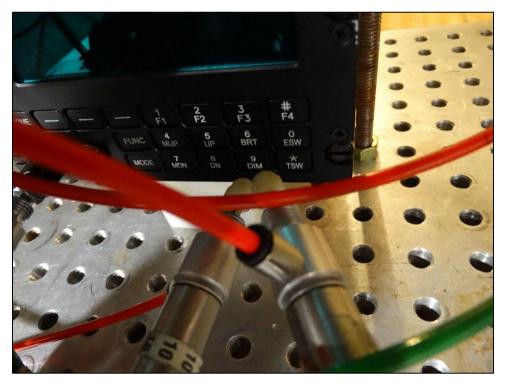


Figure 6. Actuators D and E Operating the Lighting Display Buttons.

The chamber was sealed, and the temperature was allowed to stabilize at ambient temperature prior to testing IAW the test plan. After the chamber was heated to 160°F (71°C), the FCP was then initiated at pre-determined altitudes (see Appendix B). With the test temperature sustained, n-hexane was introduced into the chamber at a simulated altitude of 26,600 ft and again at a simulated altitude of approximately 6,600 ft. The calculations used to derive the n-hexane volumes were computed per MIL-STD-810G and are presented in Appendix A.

The rate of change of simulated altitude (i.e., atmospheric-pressure equivalent) was maintained within specified parameters of approximately ≤ 300 ft/min. The test item was monitored throughout the test to ensure continued proper operation. The test regimen is summarized in Table 2.

Table 2. EA Testing Regimen at 160°F (71°C).

Item(s) Tested	Part Number	Serial Number	
TDFM-9000 Radio	101263-2-90-A1DAGO	FTA10214	
Altitude	Description		
26,530	Introduced 232.21 mL of n-	hexane fuel to the chamber	
23,300	Sample tes	st complete	
23,100	Begin 1		
22,360	FCP #1 (complete	
22,280	Begin 1	FCP #2	
21,000	FCP #2	complete	
20,700	Begin 1	FCP #3	
19,500	FCP #3 complete		
19,300	Begin FCP #4		
17,000	FCP #4 complete		
6,600	Added 273.13 mL of n-hexane fuel to the chamber		
3,300	Sample tes	st complete	
3,200	Begin 1	FCP #5	
2,700	FCP #5	complete	
2,670	Begin 1	FCP #6	
2,270	FCP #6	complete	
2,000	Begin FCP #7		
1,600	FCP #7 complete		
1,570	Begin FCP #8		
1,000	FCP #8 complete		
0	Sample tes	st complete	

2.1.3.2 Findings

A post-test visual inspection was conducted by personnel from the RTC Propulsion Test Division to note any anomalies or discrepancies, such as loose fasteners or connections, integrity of seals and sealants, or permanent distortion or deformation of material possibly affecting item functionality. No visual anomalies were noted.

The TDFM-9000 Radio was tested at various altitudes within a specified explosive atmosphere to determine whether operation of the test item would initiate ignition of that atmosphere. The test item, when so operated, did not ignite the explosive atmosphere.

Data recorded during testing was collected and is archived at the RTC Propulsion Test Division, and is available upon request. Data graphs for the test, showing the rate of altitude versus time, as well as temperature versus time, are provided in Appendix B.

2.1.4 Summary

The TDFM-9000 Radio was tested successfully, without igniting the fuel in the vacuum chamber. The RTC Propulsion Test Division satisfied the test purpose and objective of the EA testing of the TDFM-9000 Radio with no test or data anomalies.

APPENDIX A

SUPPLEMENTAL TEST PROCEDURE DOCUMENTATION

EXPLOSIVE ATMOSPHERE CALCULATIONS AND TEST TABLE.

N-hexane volumes were computed per MIL-STD-810G and using the following parameters:

Chamber Temperature = 160°F/71°C (344.26 Kelvin) Specific Gravity of n-hexane = 0.655 Net Chamber Volume = 2,633.5 Liters

1. At a test altitude of 20,000 ft, chamber pressure is equal to 46,563.26 Pascals. Therefore, the volume of 95% n-hexane (mL) =

$$4.27x10^{-4} \left[\frac{2,633.5 \ Liters * 46,563.26 \ Pascals}{344.26 \ Kelvin * 0.655} \right] = 232.21 \ \text{mL}$$

2. At site level, chamber pressure is equal to 101,332.25 Pascals. Therefore, the volume of 95% n-hexane (mL) =

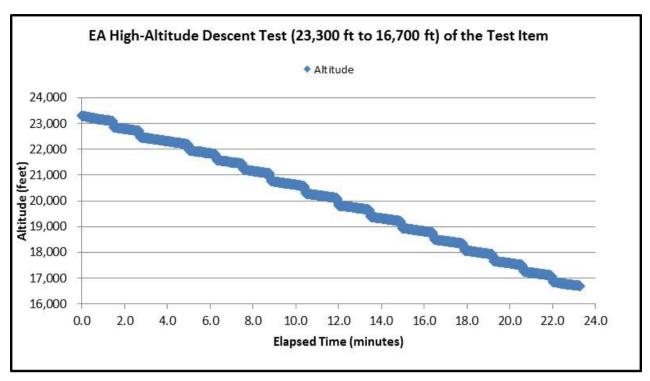
$$4.27x10^{-4} \left[\frac{2,633.5 \ Liters * 101,332.248 \ Pascals}{344.26 \ Kelvin * 0.655} \right] = 505.34 \ \text{mL}$$

Since 505.34 mL of n-hexane is required at site level and 232.21 mL was already present, an additional 273.13 mL (505.34 mL - 232.21 mL) was introduced into the chamber at this altitude. These computations are based on an operating maximum test altitude of 20,000 ft and are summarized in Table A-1.

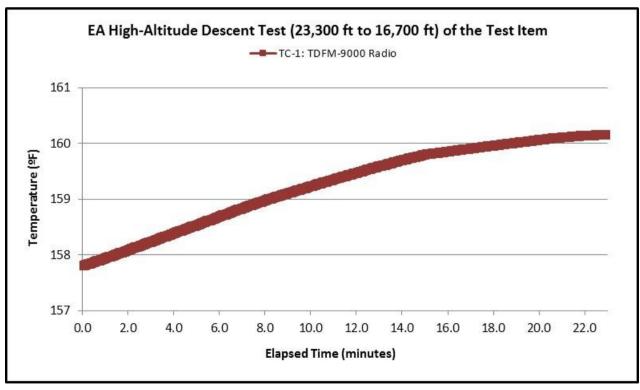
Table A-1. EA Test Matrix.

TEST ALTITUDE	CALCULATED ALTITUDE	CHAMBER PRESSURE (Pascal)	CHAMBER PRESSURE (PSIA)	FUEL (N-Hexane)	FUEL TO ADD (N-Hexane)
8,107.7 m	8,108.0 m	35,048.73	5.08	N/A	232.21 mL
26,600 ft	26,601 ft	33,040.73		14/11	7.85 oz
7,101.8 m	7,102.1 m	40,475.41	5.87	Test Atmosphere	N/A
23,300 ft	23,301 ft	40,473.41	5.67	Start Recording	11/71
6,096.0 m	6,096.3 m	46,563.26	6.75	Test Altitude	N/A
20,000 ft	20,001 ft	40,303.20	0.73	168t Attitude	1 N /A
5,090.2 m	5,089.9 m	53,372.23	7.74	Stop Recording	N/A
16,700 ft	16,699 ft	33,372.23	/./ 4	Test Atmosphere	1 N /A
2,011.7 m	2,011.4 m	79,380.00	11.51	505.34 mL	273.13 mL
6,600 ft	6,599 ft	/9,380.00	11.31	17.09 oz	9.24 oz
1,005.8 m	1,006.1 m	90 910 02	12.02	Test Atmosphere	N/A
3,300 ft	3,301 ft	89,810.92	13.03	Start Recording	IN/A
				Test Altitude	
Site Level	Site Level	101,332.25	14.69	Stop Recording	N/A
				Test Atmosphere	

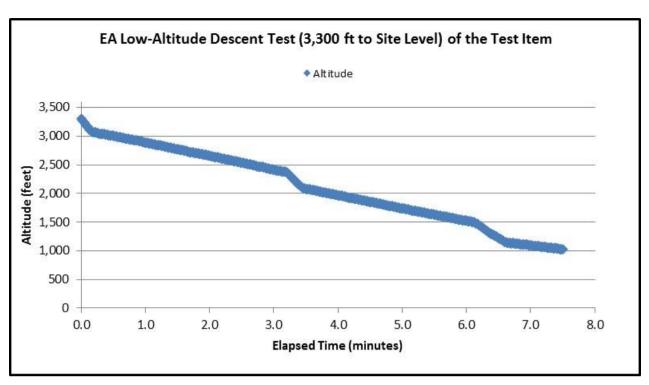
APPENDIX B SUPPLEMENTAL TEST DATA



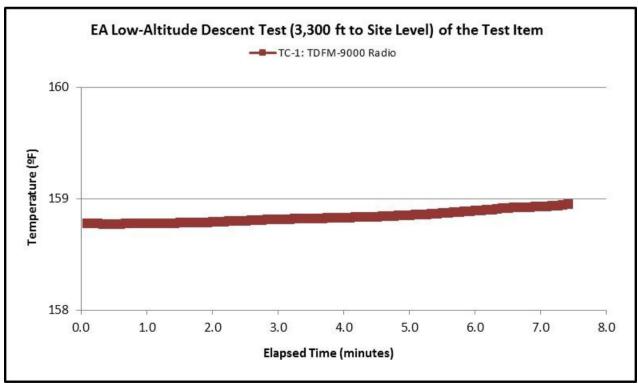
Graph B-1. Altitude versus Time for EA High-Altitude Descent Testing of the TDFM-9000 Radio.



Graph B-2. Temperature versus Time for EA High-Altitude Descent Testing of the TDFM-9000 Radio, TC-1.



Graph B-3. Altitude versus Time for EA Low-Altitude Descent Testing of the TDFM-9000 Radio.



Graph B-4. Temperature versus Time for EA Low-Altitude Descent Testing of the TDFM-9000 Radio, TC-1.

APPENDIX C

FUNCTIONAL CHECKOUT PROCEDURE LOG

RTC Subsystem Test Division Functional Check Procedure for Testing of the TDFM9000 Radio. ATEC Project No. 2015-DT-RTC-ICHXXX-F7803

TDFM9000 Functional Checkout Procedure (FCP) Data Sheet
Test Environment: Pre E/A +es
Date/Time: 12/11/15 0922
Test Operator: 16 Cannon / I Johnson
Test Location: 4500

	Unit Under	Test (UUT) Inventory	
Item	Manufacturer	Part Number	Serial Number
TDFM9000	Techsonic	101263-2-90-A1DAGO	FTA1 0156
			10214
	Functional Che	eckout Procedure (FCP)	

Functional Checkout Procedure (FCP)				
C.1.3 Visual Inspection	Observe Condition	Pass	Fail	
Visual Inspection		pu	-	
DC Power Supply Bar Code and Calibration Due Date	Date:	0		
C.1.5.2.1 TDFM9000 Radio	Observe Condition	Pass	Fail	
B – Verify display functional		Je-		
C – Verify BRT and DIM button function		4		
D – Verify transmit/receiver function of VHF radio module		de-		
E – Verify transmit/receiver function of UHF radio module		an .		
F – Verify transmit/receiver function of 700/800MHz radio module		2		

RTC Subsystem Test Division Functional Check Procedure for Testing of the TDFM9000 Radio. ATEC Project No. 2015-DT-RTC-ICHXXX-F7803

TDFM9000 Monitoring Procedure (MP) Data Sheet
Test Environment: E/A Test
Date: 12/14/15
Test Operator: K Caunon J Johnson
Test Location: 8855

	Unit Under Test (U	UT) Inventory				
Item	Manufacturer	Part Nu	mber	Serial	Numl	ber
TDFM9000	Techsonic	101263-2-90-	A1DAGO	FTA	1015	5
				/	021	4
	Monitoring Pro	cedure (MP)				
C.1.6.0 Monitoring Proced	ure		Time	Observe Condition	Pass	Fai
B – Verify transmit/receiver	function of VHF radio mo	odule	0947	23.1K	no	
C Varify transmit/receiver	function of LIHE radio me	dule		,	7	

C.1.6.0 Monitoring Procedure	Time	Observe Condition	Pass Fail
B – Verify transmit/receiver function of VHF radio module	0947	23.1K	no
C – Verify transmit/receiver function of UHF radio module		(Jan
D – Verify transmit/receiver function of 700/800MHz radio module			Den
B – Verify transmit/receiver function of VHF radio module	0950	22.280 14	nee
C – Verify transmit/receiver function of UHF radio module			bu
D – Verify transmit/receiver function of 700/800MHz radio module			her
B – Verify transmit/receiver function of VHF radio module	0955	20.70014	nee
C – Verify transmit/receiver function of UHF radio module			Dic
D – Verify transmit/receiver function of 700/800MHz radio module		(Zee
B – Verify transmit/receiver function of VHF radio module	1000	19.30016	pee
C – Verify transmit/receiver function of UHF radio module		(Dae
D – Verify transmit/receiver function of 700/800MHz radio module		(Dec
B – Verify transmit/receiver function of VHF radio module	1022	3,200	nee
C – Verify transmit/receiver function of UHF radio module			Rec
D – Verify transmit/receiver function of 700/800MHz radio module			100
B – Verify transmit/receiver function of VHF radio module	1024	2,470 (kee
C – Verify transmit/receiver function of UHF radio module		5	tae
D – Verify transmit/receiver function of 700/800MHz radio module		\	pe
B – Verify transmit/receiver function of VHF radio module	1025	2,000	hee
C – Verify transmit/receiver function of UHF radio module			ka
D – Verify transmit/receiver function of 700/800MHz radio module			100
B – Verify transmit/receiver function of VHF radio module	1027	1,570	la
C – Verify transmit/receiver function of UHF radio module		C	bee
D – Verify transmit/receiver function of 700/800MHz radio module		(Jac
B – Verify transmit/receiver function of VHF radio module			1
C – Verify transmit/receiver function of UHF radio module			
D – Verify transmit/receiver function of 700/800MHz radio module			

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TDFM9000 Functional Checkout Procedure (FCP) Data Sheet	
Test Environment: Post ETA	
Date/Time: 12 /14/15 1040	
Test Operator: / Elliots	
Test Location: 4500	3

Unit Under Test (UUT) Inventory				
Item	Manufacturer	Part Number	Serial Number	
TDFM9000	Techsonic	101263-2-90-A1DAGO	FTA1014	

CP)	
Observe Condition	Pass Fail
	NEST
Date:	10
Observe Condition	Pass Fail
	20
	No
	at
	Pac
	at
я	
	Date:

APPENDIX D

ABBREVIATIONS AND ACRONYMS

ACRONYMS AND ABBREVIATIONS

Acronym/	Description		
Abbreviation			
AKO	Army Knowledge Online		
AL	Alabama		
AMRDEC	Aviation and Missile Research, Development and Engineering Center		
ATEC	Army Test and Evaluation Command		
Bldg.	Building		
°C	(degrees) Celsius		
CD	Compact Disc		
СН	Cargo Helicopter		
DoD	Department of Defense		
EA	Explosive Atmosphere		
°F	(degrees) Fahrenheit		
FALCN	Flexible Aviation Laboratory Control Network		
FCP	Functional Checkout Procedure		
FM	Frequency Modulated		
FOIA	Freedom of Information Act		
ft	foot/feet		
ft/min	foot or feet per minute		
IAW	In Accordance With		
m	Meter		
MD	Maryland		
MHz	MegaHertz		
min	minute(s)		
mL	Milliliter		
N/A	Not Applicable or Not Available		
NIPR	Non-Secure Internet Protocol Router		
No.	Number		
OPSEC	Operations Security		
0Z	ounce(s)		
PM	Project Management		
P/N	Part Number		
POC	Point of Contact		
PSIA	Pounds per Square Inch Absolute		
RF	Radio Frequency		
RTC	Redstone Test Center		
SIPR	Secure Internet Protocol Router		
SN	Serial Number		
SOF	Safety of Flight		
TC	Thermocouple		
TIR	Test Incident Report		
UHF	Ultra-High Frequency		
U.S.	United States		
VA	Virginia		
VHF	Very High Frequency		

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